Her Needs in Marriage

**The major problems in meeting each other’s needs in a marriage are:**

1. Rejection of the inherent differences between the opposite sex.
2. Translation of needs into your own language resulting in rejection.
3. Selfishness which destroys a marriage. The best marriage is two servants in love.

**Her Need #1 – Security**

“Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the Church and gave Himself up for her.” – Ephesians 5:25

* Women feel most secure when they are married to a sacrificial, self-controlled, sensitive man.
* Women are most insecure when they are married to a selfish, angry, emotionally detached man.
* This is how to meet your wife’s need for security:
  + Be a faithful provider and money manager.
  + Communicate your commitment to sacrifice and meet her needs.
  + Be sensitive to your wife’s needs and don’t make her beg to get her needs and desire met by you.

**Her Need #2 – Non-Sexual Affection**

* The more soft, non-sexual affection women receive the more sexual they become. This is very difficult for men to understand, but it is true.
* This is how you meet your wife’s need for non-sexual affection:
  + She needs her husband to hold her hand, hug her, kiss her, and cuddle her gently.
  + Listen to her when she tells you how she wants to be held.
  + Be patient and gentle. If a man is rough and aggressive (physically or verbally), she will feel devalued and will not feel sexual.

**Her Need #3 – Open and Honest Communication**

* Men give short headline answers, but a woman wants detailed answers. Just like men connect through fun and sex, she connects by sharing thoughts and feelings.
* This is how to meet your wife’s need for open and honest communication:
  + Plan regular scheduled time to talk alone with your wife.
  + Be a good listener without distractions.
  + Answer questions fully and speak from your heart.

**Her Need #4 – Leadership**

* Leadership means being the loving initiator without dominating the family.
* This is how to meet your wife’s need for leadership:
  + Lead with romance. Make your wife feel special and loved at all times.
  + Lead with finances. Oversee the finances and do not overspend. Be in charge of the money management (your wife can support you).
  + Lead spiritually by attending church, reading the Bible, and praying together.
  + If you have children together, lead them with consistent, loving discipline. The husband needs to take lead of the discipline.